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On the occasion of the recent visit made by Vice Chancellor Ludwig Erhard to Saigon, West Germany disclosed the main lines of its 1,000,000 DM assistance plan to Viet Nam. The Federal Republic who shows an increased interest in Viet Nam's economic potential will assist in the installation of a technical school in Saigon. The school, scheduled to open on September 15, 1969 will be provided with the latest German machinery including 80 automatic machine tools, soldering equipment and a room for industrial design. Five German professors will train Vietnamese foremen to modern industrial techniques, local mechanics and technicians will have the opportunity to attend night courses.

The schools will be part of the existing Cao Thang Technical Institute in Saigon. In addition, West Germany offers ten scholarships to Vietnamese skilled workers for advanced training in the Federal Republic. The trainees will spend their first two months in Europe learning German at the Goethe Institute of Munich. After this, they will work 18 months in German plants under the supervision of technicians. Upon their return to Viet Nam the trainees should be able to take over major posts in the sugar industry, in cement plants and in the steel industry.

West Germany believes that one of the most urgent needs of Viet Nam before this country begins its full scale industrial development is for skilled workers able to operate the most modern type of machinery in efficient manner.

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